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Alice Allen Brant.

In a beautiful country home situated about three miles northwest of Greencastle, Indiana, was born on September 16, 1850, a child who was afterward christened Alice Olive. She was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Allen. As the child grew, it became apparent that she was endowed with unusual mental faculties. The parents living on a farm, the opportunities for educating their daughter were not the best, and yet the old adage, "Where there's a will, there's a way," held in this case as in all others.

Alice was sent to the country school and at the age of fourteen had completed the course. What was now to be done with her? How could her education be continued? Questions such as these perplexed the ambitious parents. True, there was Asbury University over at Greencastle, only three miles away; but girls could not go there; only boys must reap benefits from this institution. It was evident that the girl must go from home, and it was soon decided to send her to the seminary at Waveland, In-

diana. The decision was followed by action, and Alice soon became a student at the academy. There she pursued her studies until her graduation, in 1868.

Having returned home, in the fall of that year Miss Alice entered the Sophomore class of Asbury University, the doors of this institution having been opened to girls the year before. A large part of the next year she was forced to remain out of school, but entered again in the autumn of '70 and graduated with her class in June of 1871, being one of the first girls to receive a diploma from Asbury University.

It was during Miss Allen's course in college that she took a prominent part in founding the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity. Fraternities for young men had been in the school for some time, and this fact suggested that the girls should have like organizations. Miss Allen and three of her schoolmates, more ambitious in this line than were the other young women, took upon themselves the task of founding the first Greek letter fraternity for women in the United States. The story of how these young women worked, how they met and overcame difficulties, how they gathered a suggestion here and another there, how they informed themselves in the essentials of organizing a college fraternity, a thing of which they must of necessity be ignorant, is a long and interesting recital and made up an important chapter in the life of Miss Allen. From the time of the organization of the fraternity until the day of her death, Alice O. Allen held sacred all the principles of Theta and was always extremely loyal to all the membership, among whom are numbered her own five sisters.

After graduation Miss Allen chose the profession of teaching, and with this in view took the State examination and secured a life certificate. She entered upon the work first as principal of the High School at Attica, Indiana. At that place, at Plymouth and at Evanston, Illinois, in like positions, she taught for seven

consecutive years. While thus engaged, in 1878, Miss Allen was married to Mr. T. J. Brant, also a graduate of Asbury, in 1871.

Mr. and Mrs. Brant soon removed to Essex, Iowa, where he was superintendent of the city schools. Mrs. Brant again took up the work of teaching and was thus employed for four years longer. At the end of this time, both Mr. and Mrs. Brant gave up teaching and removed to Utica, Nebraska, where the husband engaged in the banking business. Utica became their permanent home and it was there, after ten years of active, useful life that the fatal illness seized upon Mrs. Brant.

For something more than a year her friends had noticed that her health was failing. Early in the month of August, 1894, it was apparent that unless there was an early change, death would soon end all. In the hope that health might be restored and to the end that she might receive certain medical treatment not to be obtained at home, she was removed to Omaha. Here, on Friday, August 10, 1894, she entered into rest. On Sunday, Mrs. Brant's body reached Greencastle and was at once taken to the home of her childhood. On Monday, August 13, after a short funeral service conducted by Dr. Poucher, and attended by many friends, including the Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, her body was laid to rest beside her father's in the family burying ground at Brick Chapel, near the old home.

Such is a brief record of some of the leading events in the life of Alice Allen Brant, but the best part of her life can be but feebly expressed in words. She was preëminently a woman of affairs. Her influence was felt by all around her. During her last years, though she was not engaged as a public teacher, she had many private pupils whom she prepared for college work. If children were to be drilled for public entertainments, Mrs. Brant was called upon for that duty and was always found ready. She did, also, much work as a newspaper correspondent, and edited for several years the Woman's column in the home paper. She was especially ac-

tive in church work and held many offices of trust and responsibility.

In the midst of all her care, she never forgot her home and home duties. She was the mother of two children, Edith and Marion. It had been her desire and expectation to return to Greencastle when the children had grown older that they might be educated at her Alma Mater. Though unable herself to see this hope realized, her request is being carried out by loving relatives.

Her nearest friends when asked for Mrs. Brant's strongest characteristic unanimously replied, her self-sacrificing spirit. The remembrance of the hours spent by her in missionary and charity work is ever present with them. In this way she has left a precious legacy; to her husband and children, the memory of a devoted Christian wife and mother; to relatives and friends, the record of a noble life; to fraternity sisters everywhere, an example worthy of all imitation.



INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY—ALUMNAE LOYALTY.

The one great fault of our fraternity lies in not giving these two subjects serious thought. We all admit, in a general way, that "the whole is no stronger than its weakest part," and "Once a Theta *always* a Theta," but there it is apt to end. We forget to ask ourselves if we are a "weak part," or if we have less Theta spirit than we used to have, and so we fail to make it a part of our life. Can any one imagine such a thing as a young girl's forgetting to make preparations to go to an entertainment with agreeable company? Of course not, but we know many a one who "forgets" to write a Chapter letter for the JOURNAL—until it is too late. Yet, judging from these letters we do receive, it does not occupy nearly as much of her time or thoughts as arranging her hair becomingly for a party. Did you ever think what your pledge and vow meant? Did it ever occur to you that you break them,—yes, *break* them—every time you fail in a required duty? Did you ever try to see how far the influence of that failure extends, or to count up all the consequences? The *officers* need to take this home quite as well as the privates. The Chapters in this far West, say "we fail no more in our JOURNAL duties than the older Eastern Chapters," and it is true, as it is also when a private points to the delinquencies of "those in authority," to whom we look for an example. In a smaller way, a little duty neglected in a Chapter gives an excuse for the new member. Does it seem of small consequence if we fail in a little matter? How do we know it is little? The spirit counts more than the deed, but the deed indicates the spirit. Look, each individual, to your own failures; it is no excuse that another has failed too, it only shows how much more *K. A. Θ.* is weakened thereby. We call ourselves "loyal" Thetas, see to it that we stand the test. Have we never

put self first? When a girl's name was proposed, has our first thought always been, "Will she prove a help to the fraternity?" Has there been no under thought which you hate to own, "Is she one who will prove personally agreeable to me?" Have you put aside your individual wishes, likes and dislikes, and acted only for what seemed to you for the highest good of our fraternity? If not, there is a weak link in the chain and when a big strain comes will it not break? Give up your petty interests and work for the whole, learn to practice self-denial in your opinions when needed, for the good of the rest. There are a few Chapters where the girls have been elected solely for their own worth; even sometimes sisters and dearest friends have been passed by. It has been a hard trial, but such disinterested loyalty shows strength. Of course we owe it to each sister to fairly consider those near to her, but the vote must be cast in the way which will count for the best interest of the fraternity, first of all.

I have taken these instances merely to show my meaning. They by no means cover the ground. Each chapter, each individual can make the application. Remember, on each individual Theta rests the welfare of the whole and we need to give not only our money but ourselves.

What shall I say to our Alumnæ? All this and more. Do you realize what our Fraternity is? Not only a social club where College girls may feel at home, losing the homesick longing when they have come to a strange place, and where they may "have a good time." Not a merely literary club where their college study may be made of mutual benefit. Not even just a meeting where girls may learn parliamentary rules and customs and practical business laws. It is all these but it is on a grander plan. It was formed for the purpose of helping young women to make the most of themselves in every way. It is a Community in which each is to forget self in helping each other, become more refined, more cultivated, grander, truer, gentle-women. It only begins in Col-

lege life and with College girls. It draws them closer together, so that all may work in unity and its influence goes on to wider fields as its members scatter over the land. I have had many pleasant experiences meeting those wearing our badge in railroad trains, in street cars, on the streets in strange cities, perfect strangers a moment before, kindly feeling friends ever after. There is plenty of work for Alumnæ here but there is a great work for you still with the active Chapters. Because you have left them as acting, voting members your interest must not cease. Have you so soon forgotten all that *K. A. Θ.* was to you in your College days, all the help it gave you in untold ways. Alas! so many of you act as if you had, and as if you were too selfish to care whether others received similar benefits or not. For shame! you who are panting for missionary work to neglect this which cries at your door, you who know the trials of a College girl's life. If you happen to visit your University town you may "drop in" at a meeting at the Chapter House, and how often I have heard the remark afterwards: "There was not a familiar face, I have no more interest there!" Why not? Was your vow to the Fraternity at large or limited to the few in your Chapter when you were initiated? How many of the Alumnæ ever send even an occasional letter of greeting to their old Chapters? How very few send substantial aid even when asked. How much fewer is the number of those who send it unasked, or cheerfully! If you could only realize how much it would help just to show us a little sympathy it seems as if you could not withhold it. Do not be afraid; your purse is safe if you do not choose to open it, but do give us your heart, your good wishes; those will not impoverish you. You will only have more kindly feelings left if you will only show us that you still care for us.

If our Fraternity does not seem as strong, and as grand as you once thought it, if as one Theta said to me—I am so sorry for her that her vision is so limited—you find "it is well enough

for college girls, I have found larger interests since I was in it there" (her fraternity pin was in her trunk) if you find it thus limited whose fault is it? Yours, mind you! If you only would take the trouble to investigate you would find it has not stopped with "College girls," it is growing every year into a firmer sisterhood, with greater influence and stronger power to help those women who have gone into the world and are fighting life's battles with the arm gained from college training. Will you help? Will you keep your vows *which are binding still?* Will you try and give to others what *K.A.Θ.* gave to you, helping young women make most of their lives, or will you hang back and act as dead weights to retard the progress?

These are a few words; they do not cover the ground but they are written in earnestness. I hope they may be to the "wise" and as such "sufficient," for a Theta's heart must beat in unison with her Fraternity always—if she once realizes the need there is of her sympathy and help.

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OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

What is our fraternity? Will we not all agree, dear Thetas, that it is "a society for mutual improvement," an instrument for the development of the noblest womanhood?

But do we realize our individual responsibility? Do we place enough stress upon the influence of each girl upon the fraternity?

Temptations are on every hand; how often do we consider that if one of us yields, Kappa Alpha Theta falls? Are we not too apt to think that little things will not count; that it will not make much difference if we do this or that, "just once." Do not our younger girls too often reason, "Oh, well! we are only Freshmen," and thus, shifting the responsibility on the overburdened shoulders of our Juniors and Seniors, make a thoughtless blunder, to regret it when it is too late?

If we could only realize that with each of us lies the making or marring of the reputation of our fraternity; that the world regards us not as isolated students but as fraternity girls; that the condemnation of one of us, is the condemnation of Theta; how much more zealously would we guard our lives, how much more charitably would we tell our sisters of their faults, how much more keenly would we appreciate them, when they tell us of ours.

If one of our number is careless, if she is impulsive, if, in any way, she fails to live up to the high ideals of our fraternity, is it not plainly our duty to co-operate with her, individually, and as a fraternity, in a strife to overcome or correct the evil? But how shall we do it? This is where we too often fail.

No two girls are alike, no two have the same faults, no two can be dealt with in the same manner. A mere hint is sufficient for one, it may take a week to convince another that she is wrong.

This girl may never repeat her error, that one may struggle with hers for a life-time. Certainly here we should realize that "well begun is half done," and in a most sympathizing and delicate manner approach what may be a very "sore subject."

But who should do this? I fear we too often shrink from the responsibility we assume when we pledge ourselves to Theta.

Too often those dearest to us continue in "wrong doing," thoughtlessly injuring their own character and that of their fraternity, when a word of warning from a loving, sympathizing sister would, by placing the matter in right light, have saved them from many unhappy moments.

We think we will be misunderstood, that we will be regarded as fault-finders, and we have not the courage to banish these selfish, cowardly fears, at which each of us would blush if we were but conscious of them. Now this should *not* be—it is not consistent with the true aims of our fraternity, and just as long as we allow it to continue uncorrected, Kappa Alpha Theta will fail in the attainment of those lofty ideals for which she was created.

How much more our fraternity life will mean to us when each sister has manifested the interest she takes in us, not merely as members of the fraternity, but as individuals; when we feel free to talk to every Theta, at any time and on any subject; when we are perfectly confident that it is worth our while to go to our sisters for trifles as well as for great things.

Then, and not until then, will we realize our responsibility to ourselves, our sisters, and our fraternity. Then, and not until then, will we approach the true ideals of scholarship, womanhood and Kappa Alpha Theta.

M. S. C. '97,

Swarthmore College, Pa.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

It is recorded that one of the excursionists, of whom a great number come to Ithaca during the summer, looked about him in bewilderment as he stood in the midst of the Campus and asked helplessly, "Which building is the University?" Of course none of the sisterhood have quite so inadequate an idea of Cornell as this question implies, and yet it is probable that few realize the extent of her resources and the completeness of her equipment.

This excursionist had come across the bridge which joins the entrance to the campus, over the Cascadilla Gorge with its glittering fall and cool, wooded banks, up the incline past the handsome chapter houses of Kappa Alpha, Psi Upsilon and Sigma Phi; had glanced wonderingly at the long, low brick armory where the silence of summer now reigned instead of the martial noise of the regiment and the creaking of chest weights and rowing machines. Then he had walked on, still due north, beneath the elms, passed the row of professors' houses and had paused by the library to ask his question.

Already he had left partly behind him three buildings situated on a broad curve of the road to the east from the main avenue. The first is Sage College, the dormitory which shelters beneath its broad wings a hundred of the women of the higher education. In its south wing is located the botanical department, with its laboratories, lecture room and museum, and its extensive conservatories. The second is Barnes Hall, the home of the Christian Association, and most conveniently planned for its purposes. Sage Chapel is the third, and here are delivered during the college session sermons by the most eminent divines of the country. Opposite him now is a long, narrow building with *Boardman Hall* inscribed over the

handsome arch of its portal. Here the budding young lawyers seek instruction and here too they have at their command all the resources of the library of twenty-three thousand volumes, including the famous Moak collection of thirteen thousand volumes.

The shadow falling about our visitor was that of the University Library building, one of Cornell's prides. With its great, amply lighted reading room, its periodical room, its cataloging and librarian's rooms, its stacks, and the seminary rooms for the languages and the history and the political sciences, it is pre-eminent for the convenience and utility of its interior arrangements. The headquarters of the Sage school of Philosophy—as well as of the school of History and Political Science—are in this building, and while containing one hundred and sixty thousand volumes, including many special collections of rare value, it has capacity for three times that number.

If the excursionist proceeded on his way, and found the proper informant, he learned next about the three original buildings, Morrill, McGraw and White Halls. The first and last of these contain the recitation rooms for the students of the languages, including English, of Mathematics, and of Social and Political Science. The zoological and geological departments occupy the north and south wings respectively of the McGraw building, while the new and beautiful museum of casts and the various geological and zoological collections take up the main part.

In the eighty acres which form the campus proper there is much well kept lawn. The greatest expanse is here, stretching from the three original buildings away to East avenue, where another row of professors' houses forms the boundary of the campus. The only breaks in this stretch are made by Lincoln Hall, the abiding place of the civil engineers and the architects, and the creamery, which belongs to the agricultural department. The boundary to the north, the visitor found, is Fall Creek Gorge, a rugged cleft in the rock with a swift stream and a high, glorious

fall at the bottom. A little this side is a road running east and west and on this, fronting the south, is, first, Morse Hall, where in large, airy, beautifully planned laboratories the various branches of chemistry are pursued. The department of physics occupies Franklin Hall, next, with its lecture rooms and laboratories, and its fine quota of apparatus. And then come the two Sibleys, where the mechanical and electrical engineers hold sway, and in connection with these two buildings are the foundry, the machine shop, the blacksmithy, and the wood-working shop. The museum collections and the equipment of this department are of especial value and completeness.

Beyond the campus proper the one hundred and ten acres of the University farm, and the eighty acres of the horticultural department stretch away to the east. Most of this land is under cultivation but there are two model barns and eight forcing houses upon it. And all these things our wondering excursionist found are comprised in the University.

Yet one thing still remains to be mentioned. Of course as has been said a University cannot be run upon the *view*. Yet I think few Cornellians will think of their Alma Mater without including among her resources the outlook from her hilltop.

As I write, the sun is sinking behind the line of the western hills, the lights are beginning to twinkle in the little city nestling in the valley between, and the soft violet grays of the slope to the south are only surpassed by the blue of the lake, stretching away with its graceful bends to the north. From the library tower the chimes ring out

"Music with the twilight falls
O'er the dreaming lake and dell;
'Tis an echo from the walls
Of our own, our fair Cornell."

MARGARET FURSMAN BOYNTON,

IOTA.

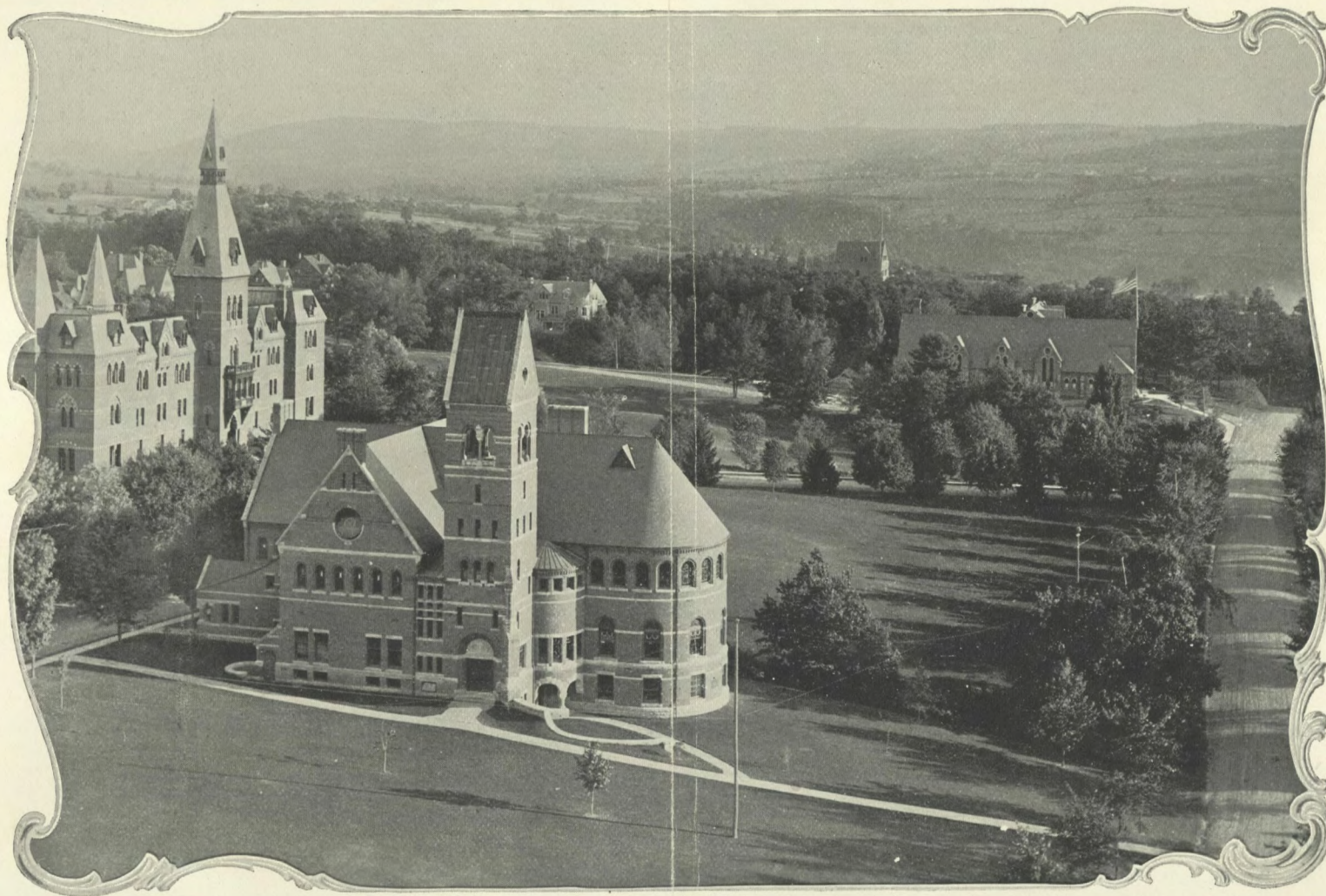
To the above letter the editor adds these facts, taken from a recent Cornell news-letter :

“ Co-education has been tried at Cornell for more than twenty years. The number of young women coming to Cornell has increased with the great increase in the student body so that the accommodations in Sage Hall, the women's dormitory, have long been insufficient. The trustees have decided to enlarge the dormitory at an expense of about \$50,000, and the work will be begun early in the spring in order to have it completed by September 1. The women's gymnasium will be moved into the new portion of the hall, and enlarged so as to accommodate a class of 75 at once. Leading off from the gymnasium will be a wing, which will contain bath-rooms, dressing-rooms and lockers. A plunge bath and other modern conveniences are included in the equipment.”



Sage College.

Gymnasium.



Barnes Hall.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.—Southern Portion of the Campus.

BETA ALUMNAE.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Beta Alumnæ Chapter of *K. A. Θ.* sends greeting to the fraternity through the *JOURNAL*. In the twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis fraternity spirit is constantly fanned by the Greek breezes from the University. This may account for the fact that among the Theta alumnæ in the two cities thirteen were easily found ready to renew and to strengthen fraternity interests by connecting themselves with an alumnæ chapter. The charter members of Beta Alumnæ are: Mary (Corser) Gale, Iota '85; Jessie A. Bradford, Upsilon '94; Minnie (Rexford) Nickerson, Upsilon '92; Anna L. Guthrie, Upsilon '92; Emma (Kemp) Timberlake, Upsilon '91; Louise (Fisher) MacDougal, honorary member of Alpha; Jessie (Birch) Joyce, Alpha '82; Gertrude (Bell) Burton, Upsilon '93; Gertrude Gibbs, Upsilon, '93; Caroline P. Sargent, Alpha Beta '94; Catherine Comfort, Upsilon '90; Christine Edwards, Upsilon '94; and L. Grace Walther, Upsilon '93. Thus we boast among our number of a Grand Council officer, Mrs. Nickerson, of one of the few honorary members of Theta, Mrs. MacDougal, of the wives of two of the University professors, Mrs. Gale and Mrs. MacDougal, and of one of the librarians of the University, Miss Guthrie.

At our first meeting we decided to receive as associates those who have not done the required amount of college work to be eligible to full membership. Miss Sargent was elected president of the new organization, Mrs. Gale vice-president, Miss Walther corresponding and recording secretary, and Miss Jackson (associate) treasurer. Committees were appointed to draw up by-laws, to prepare literary programs for the meeting and to provide con-

tributions to the JOURNAL. Although several of our members are closely confined by home duties, and two are teaching outside of the city, there are still enough who have command of their time to attend to the business of the chapter. Saturday, January the fifth, the alumnæ chapter gave a reception to the active chapter and to the alumnæ of the neighborhood at the home of Mrs. Timberlake in Minneapolis. Letters from alumnæ who had been unable to be present were read, and as Mrs. Timberlake commented upon the writer of each letter in her own bright way we felt that we were being made acquainted with these absent sisters. It was a happy occasion, helpful to all.

Already the alumnæ chapter has drawn the alumnæ nearer together and shown us that fraternities are a matter of a life time and not merely of the four college years. Mrs. Joyce had been in the city but a short time when through Mrs. MacDougal she was drawn into the alumnæ chapter. When we first met with her and came under the spell of her loyal fraternity spirit, we felt that our chapter had demonstrated its *raison d'être*. It is our hope that Thetas visiting in our vicinity will make themselves known to our corresponding secretary. Our best wish for the alumnæ, dwelling perhaps in ignorance of each other in the large cities, is that they too may become organized as alumnæ chapters for their own good and for K. A. Θ.'s advancement.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

The Grand Council had hoped very much to be able to make the final announcements for the convention, as to time, place, etc., in this number of the JOURNAL, but we are not able to do so. Within the last few weeks some complications have arisen which may necessitate a change in the place of holding the convention. It has been impossible for the Grand Council to reach a decision in time for this number of the JOURNAL, but the chapters will be notified by individual letters within a few weeks, as soon as a decision can be reached.

The programmes for the convention are almost completed and will be submitted to the chapters shortly. I should like to have all chapters notify me of the name and address of their respective delegates, as soon as the same may be chosen. Hoping that you may pardon the delay in completing convention arrangements, I am

Very truly yours,

MARGARET E. SMITH.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take to Himself the brother of our loved sisters Marguerite and Genevieve Scoville ; be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Chi Chapter of *K. A. Θ.*, tender to them our deepest love and sympathy in their sorrow.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to them and a copy be printed in the KAPPA ALPHA THETA and in the college papers.

MARY F. SWEET, '96,
F. LOUISE BARNEY, '97, } Committee.
LENA HOOSE, '98,

Syracuse, N. Y., March 1st, 1895.

EDITORIALS.

COMMUNICATIONS to the July JOURNAL *must* be in the Editor's hands the first week in June.

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Chapters who find fault with names misprinted in the directory must enter their complaints at least a month before the proper time for the JOURNAL to appear. The directory is the first page to be printed and when the JOURNAL has once gone to press, it is too late to make any changes of address.

Please bear this in mind, instead of wearing out your own patience, as well as the editor's, by maledictions uttered in vain because too late.

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Chi is in despair over the song book, and we do not wonder. She wrote to all the chapters for songs, and only four responded. (*We* know just how she feels.) She asks us, in agony of spirit :

"Why cannot Thetas write as good songs as Kappas, or as any others? And if they can, why don't they ?

That is the same kind of question, dear Chi, that we have been trying for four years to answer.

Thetas do not write songs for the same reason that they do not write chapter letters ; for the same reason that they do not pay their taxes on time; for the same reason that they write official communications on both sides of the paper; for the same reason that they are guilty of so many sins of omission and commission to harass the lives out of the Cataloguer, the Treasurer, the President and the Editor.

We never thought it was due to a lack of ability, but, rather, to a lack of responsibility.

Now poor, dear Chi will have to suffer all sorts of reproach and abuse at the next Convention because she hasn't a beautiful song book all published and the songs all committed to memory to sing to the delegates, when the real blame will lie on the very ones that reproach her.

Shame on you, girls; why don't you do something about it?

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We are happy to notice a marked improvement in the general character of the Chapter letters received for this number. We congratulate the Chapters and ourselves.

THE COLLEGIATE MAID.

Though there is an extreme catalogue of topics that might be considered inappropriate of discussion in these columns, still we trust that pardon will be granted for presuming to touch, to a very trivial extent, that theme which recent precedent has sanctioned as permissible in any and every class of publication, namely, "New Woman." We might base further right of handling the subject—"touch" and "handle" will please not be construed in their tangible sense—in view of the role assumed in her composition by "higher education," whatever that much abused term may now imply.

To present a brief *resume* of this product of modernism, she is supposed to be the cosmopolitan party who, we are told, associates on terms of easy familiarity with the manly sports, languishes on her divan under the naughty seductiveness of cigarette fumes, assumes bloomers—if her figure is deemed delectable—actively interests herself in politico-social reforms and toasts the "Emancipation of Woman" or "Man, the Domestic Tyrant," at the Sorosis banquet. She is endowed with many other talents than these, but they are merely details with which we are all more or less acquainted, and which space and time forbid enumeration. This "Bachelor Maid"—masculinity must appear wherever possible—"holds out" against the blandishments of double bliss as long as expediency will permit, and only when "pressed

to the limit" does she finally succumb to the shackles of matrimony as a sociological experiment. This personality, in pure form, is of course a denizen of the metropolitan centers and we are all consequently not so fortunate as to actually know her—if her existence is not a trifle tinged with the mythical—but we are all acquainted with her *ad nauseam* through the mediums of the press, pulpit, stage and the Sarah Grand school of fictionists. Someone has been led to remark, in view of the rabid feeling displayed by the latter class of her portrayers, that we are witnessing the dawn of an era of "Woman's Wrongs." As we have just said, she is to many of largely a "nebulous ideality," but there is a modified phase of this celestial creation that many of us do know face to face. She is the collegiate maid, and though the star of a more limited orbit, she is none the less proportionately luminous. Her specialties are a practical knowledge of tennis, cycling, and maybe boating; with athletics in its diversified branches, she is only theoretically conversant. She is well up on college social, musical and class organizations, and is much interested in fraternities, because they are so mysterious. The literary society is "sticky," and consequently "not much in her line." As we have intimated, she knows the technical significance of forty-love, and can generally distinguish between a three bagger and a strike-out, but she must not be censured for not comprehending the technical difference between a forty-five yard line and a rush line. Her "boudoir"—if you have ever enjoyed her confidence to the extent of being allowed a peep—is something wonderful in its promiscuousness. Footballs, boxing gloves, foils, base ball bats (favorite sticks of favorite home-runners), oars, glee club, class and fraternity groups, and such like bric-a-brac predominate.

She is a creature of numerous and pronounced fads and fancies, but it must be acknowledged that her most irresistible and consuming craving centers on the gridiron celebrity. Her idol may not necessarily move in her particular circle, socially, but she "has no patience with caste"—witness her consistency in regard to local inhabitants—and toasts him with "select dinings" and "small informals." She must be attentive, for she always has many dangerous rivals. The man who makes a run of sixty yards, bunched in a mass of interference from which he couldn't possibly emerge, is the irresponsible victim of the adoration of this type of maid. This man is captivating. He is more in luck, however, should he happen to be the steadiest ground loser on the team, it at the same time he possesses that never failing combination, lan-

guorous, molten orbs and a wealth of sunset locks, seasoned with an air—out of costume—of dash and assumed *blase*. In this shape he is irresistible; but if, in addition, his “blonde mop” clusters about his temples in “wavy ringlets,” he is as the hypnotic Svengale before Trilby. His likeness, three impressions to the card, occupies its proper place in her sanctum sanctorum, and her collection of his personal paraphernalia includes large significant letters, formerly adorning his sweaters; she has the shoes which he used in making his sensational sixty-yard run, and dotes on such unsentimental things as his shin guards and nose protector. Her most prized trophy, however, which she preserves between the leaves of his college annual or fraternity magazine, is a lock of the pale, wan locks above referred to.

This little lady has at least one practical use. Her knowledge of fraternities, and her partiality for yours in particular, proves most valuable in the “spiking” season. She has always noticed that the members of your fraternity were the “loveliest fellows in college,” and she confides this little confidence to the freshman when you have taken him to call. With her rather characteristic thoughtfulness, she is inclined to bewilder the prospective neophyte when she lets fall a similar observation in regard to the Omega-Alphas, when he calls with this crowd sometime later. Only the amateur commits this error. The model collegiate maid has too much “tact.” She erases all minor discrepancies of this character by a “very warm personal interest” manifested in your behalf. She imparts this to your best friend—*sub rosa*, of course. This is how you happened to become aware of it. This knowledge tickles your self-confidence and you call the next night—you have only been accustomed to seeing her once in two weeks, but this makes the second visit in the space of five days. Her gracious reception forces upon you the proof of her ingenuous sincerity. Your personal vanity stock suddenly jumps to 200 when she requests the honor of your presence at tea on Wednesday and you pass away the remainder of your calling time under a halo of blissful self-adulation. When you leave she sees you to the door, and after having breathed a final good-bye, adds as an incidental afterthought that she would appreciate the courtesy of your dropping by, on your way to tea, at Mr. Buckline’s room and showing him the way round. On the way home you indulge in a highly uncomplimentary *tete-a-tete* with yourself, and somehow you are thereafter inclined to class her with the girls who don’t “improve on acquaintance.”

V. M. J.

The above extract—a personal reminiscence of the author, V. M. J., in the Kappa Alpha JOURNAL—is a very realistic and able discussion of a subject which he seems to be thoroughly acquainted with, but we object to the *title* of his harangue.

We do not recognize the “collegiate maid” in any of the caricature that he draws.

That the sort of girls he speaks of is common in collegiate towns, we know ; that college men of a certain stamp devote most of their time and energy to the cultivation of these sirens, we know ; but we have always heard them called “college widows,” not “collegiate maids.” No doubt the author means all right ; but his title is misleading.

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We congratulate Iota on the successful completion of the new catalogue.

In all our experience with fraternities, we never knew a chapter before that actually accomplished the publication of a catalogue within the college life of any of its members. This feat, then, marks an era in fraternity journalism, and all honor and praise be to noble Iota !

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We expect much from the two articles on “Responsibility” published in this number.

How any Theta can read Mrs. Spear’s burning words and not feel the pricks of a guilty conscience and a blush of shame, is more than we can understand.

And if our delinquent *alumnæ* (who do not take the JOURNAL and, therefore, will not read the words intended for them) could only see a few sentences of “*Alumnæ Loyalty*,” how the cold perspiration would start from their brows, the love from their hearts, and the money from their pocket-books.

We glow to think of the results that might possibly follow if every member of Kappa Alpha Theta would take home the

reproach and the rebuke implied in the earnest words of Mrs. Spear and M. T. C. and let them act as a tonic upon their sluggish loyalty.

The editors have already examined their consciences in regard to the accusations, and brought in a unanimous verdict of "guilty."

We, as *alumnæ*, have not always remembered how much the fraternity was to us when we were in college, and how little we have done to make it much to others since we left.

"Freely have ye received, freely give," should be the motto of our *alumnæ*. With our added experience of college and fraternity life broadened by a few years' acquaintance with the world outside of college walls, we ought to be more helpful than ever before to our younger and less experienced sisters.

We are better fitted to help them, and have more time, if we would only think so.

There is something to be said on the other side, of course. Life gets full for us very soon after we leave college, and there are numberless demands on our time, our attention, and our sympathies; but we have no right—we should have no inclination—to forget our fraternity which was the strongest element in our college life, and the blessed influence of which is even now, perhaps unconsciously, affecting every loftier thought and worthier act of our lives.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

Alpha District.

LAMBDA.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Though Lambda has been for some time silent, she is yet alive and flourishing, albeit at present somewhat crushed by the weight of mid-year examinations.

Though we had firmly resolved to do no rushing, at the beginning of the year we gave a pleasant reception to the new girls.

Mrs. Spear left us in November, and now we have to content ourselves with envying the more fortunate California chapters.

We feel we have a great addition to our fraternity in our new members. The initiation, purposely delayed this year, occurred only a few days before Christmas. Four girls of '98 were initiated into the mysteries of the mystic circle—Ida Miles, Mabel Miles, Marian Rustedt and Mabel Way, whom we wish you all might see and take pride in as well as ourselves. Several of Lambda's old members were with us, also Miss Steele, formerly of Upsilon. The ceremonies of initiation were particularly impressive, and the occasion a most joyous one.

Our chapter-house, in which we all take so much interest and pride, has been beautified by several gifts from members of Lambda. Moreover the active members have this year established the custom of each giving the chapter-house a Christmas

gift. We wish all the Theta girls might see what a cozy Theta home we have and might enjoy one of our pleasant meetings.

We all feel that Lambda has suffered a great loss in the death of Inez E. Moody, '94. She was a girl of great intellectual ability and of exceedingly beautiful character. We can but join in saying with one of our Thetas that we ought to be thankful even to have known her.

We have been very fortunate in having several of the old members often with us at our meetings. We hope that several of our number will be able to attend the convention at Syracuse, and that by this convention Theta bonds may be greatly strengthened and much benefit gained for us all.

LAMBDA.

CHI.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., }
March 12, 1895. }

Dear Thetas:

Time has sped so quickly since our last letter to the JOURNAL that it hardly seems possible that it is time for another one.

In the last two months a great many things have happened to us; some to brighten our sisterhood and some to sadden it.

On the 25th of January we initiated Marguerite and Genevieve Scoville, two very lovely girls, and who I can assure you will make loyal Thetas. They have already endeared themselves to us, and we now wonder how we lived so long without them.

On Friday, March 8th, was held our first Can-Thugaterian conclave for this year. This is a gathering of all the college girls and at it we endeavor to become better acquainted with our sister co-eds.

During the past four weeks we have been very much interested in a new movement, by which we hope to abolish rushing. For a long time we have thought that rushing was detrimental to college spirit, but never until now have any decided steps been taken to right the wrong.

About two weeks ago, two representatives from each of the four sororities met and drew up some resolutions, which they thought might help matters.

It was decided to put off pledging day until the first Wednesday after the 22d of February, and to limit the number of parties to be given to one each term. No word on Fraternity matters, except in answer to direct questions, is to be spoken until the week just preceding pledging day.

As yet no definite action has been taken, but in a short time we hope to call a meeting of all the sorority girls, and have these resolutions adopted by a unanimous vote.

During the past few days we have been enjoying a visit from May E. Brown, one of our charter members.

In the near future, Chi hopes to present the JOURNAL with some cuts of her Alma Mater, and also a description giving some idea of the University home that we all love so much.

Trusting that next fall we may give the Theta grip to a great many of our sisters, we will now leave you.

With Theta greetings,

CHI.

IOTA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Since the initiation of January 12th, Iota has seven new Thetas whom she wishes to introduce to their fraternity sisters. We are proud of our new girls, what chapter is not, and we feel

sure that they are proud to be Thetas. Five have entered in the class of '98: Mabel Calder Dobbin, and Days Elizabeth Defendorf of Fairport, N. Y., Nully Davidson Gunn from Plattsburgh, N. Y., Emma Louise McCollom from Troy, Pa., and Blandina Hasbrouck Gurnee from Brooklyn. Our other two girls, Edith Webster Todd of New Haven, Conn., and Harriet May Stone of New Hartford, Conn., are both specials in Chemistry. We have now an active chapter of nineteen members.

Just before the initiation we had Katherine Edwards with us from Wellesley. She came to take her examinations for the degree of Ph. D., which will be conferred in June. It seemed like a whiff of last year to see her again, but like many good things her stay was short as it was sweet. Clara Kerr, who was with us last term, has gone to her home in Collins, N. Y. She has finished her thesis for the degree of Ph. D. and is now preparing for her examinations. She too will receive the degree in June. Jenet Sheldon has come back for the remainder of the year and is doing graduate work in Architecture.

The third catalogue of Kappa Alpha Theta, published by Iota Chapter, with Grace W. Caldwell as editor-in-chief, and Cecilia A. Law and Clara H. Kerr as assistant editors, has made its appearance clothed in somber black with *K. A. Θ.* in gold letters on the cover. We will not say much about it ourselves but are very willing to send the little volume forth on its own merits.

The busy, restless fall term is past and now that it is over we feel that we can settle down and really know one another. Surely there never could have been a time when Iota had more fraternity loyalty and good feeling among her members than now. We are pretty well divided, as far as our residence goes, between Sage and 3 Central avenue, but that seems to make very little difference. As the winter with its snow and cold is slipping away, it reminds some of us our college life is also going from us

and that there are but a few months more of it left. Of course there is always a sadness attached to the close of any happy portion of our lives, but it is a good thing to feel that we have learned to be happy here, and so carry it out into the world with us. We who go from here this June have nothing to fear for the future success of the chapter, for we believe that we are leaving it in most excellent hands.

Iota sends her greetings to her new sisters and wishes them every happiness in Kappa Alpha Theta.

ALPHA BETA.

SWARTHMORE, PA.

Dear Thetas :

If all of you could but catch a glimpse of Alpha Beta and experience her life for a few days, it would be useless for me to tell you how reluctantly we welcome the spring and how we wish we could keep the happy present and dear '95 always with us. Four of our present chapter will not return next fall, and it seems like "breaking home ties" to lose any one of the sixteen girls that make our circle so complete.

Of course you all celebrated Kappa Alpha Theta's birthday, and we wonder if you did it in the same way as Alpha Beta. Ours was a treat given us by our two resident members, Annie and Helen Hillborn, in the form of a Theta tea. Seven of our alumnae were present besides Miss Scull of Beta, and it was just like having a chapter meeting on a large scale. Pansies were the decorations and we all sang Theta songs. It greatly reminded us of last year when our Grand President was with us, and there were many ardent wishes for her again.

Since our last letter we have added three dear girls to our number. Allow us to introduce Mary Pierce, Eva Foster and

Alice Lippincott, all members of '98. Alice is a sister to Bertha Lippincott, one of our seniors, and these three new girls are going to make strong and valuable Thetas.

On the fifteenth of February a member of Kappa Sigma entertained at his home in Philadelphia thirty Swarthmore students, among whom Theta was well represented. Several of our sisters attended a Swarthmore dance given at the New Century Drawing Rooms in Philadelphia, on the twenty-first.

We are now looking forward to our Somerville reunion on the thirteenth of April, when many of our sisters will return for a visit. This is one of the greatest events of the year in our college life and a regular gala day.

We are delighted that the Convention is to be so near us next fall, and we hope to embrace this rare opportunity and have a number of our members present besides our delegates. It will be very pleasant to become acquainted with so many Thetas.

With much sisterly love, yours,

ALPHA BETA.

MU.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, }
Meadville, Pa. }

Dear Theta Sisters:

The winter has passed so quickly and busily, that it seems hardly possible that it is time for a letter to the spring number of the JOURNAL.

At the beginning of the term, we made some improvements and additions to the furnishing of our room, so that our Saturday evening meetings have been unusually attractive. We have pleasant recollections of numerous spreads, and brilliant entertainments provided by our original and energetic entertainment committee.

About two weeks ago we pledged two fine girls, Elva Stoner and Blanche Sherred.

The Delta Tau Deltas held a convention in Meadville last month. Most of us attended the reception given for the delegates.

The Senior class has adopted the cap and gown, and will appear in them at the beginning of the spring term.

Gov. McKinley of Ohio, who was at one time a student at Allegheny College, has been secured to deliver the Commencement Address in June.

The faculty of the college has been increased by the addition of a new member. Dr. Perrin of Chicago occupies the chair of history and sociology. He is a general favorite.

The students enjoyed a rare treat yesterday. Fred Emmerson Brooks, the California poet, was present at chapel and read a number of his own poems to a very enthusiastic audience.

Mrs. John Gibson, nee Eva Dixon of Butler, Pa., of the class of '94, was with us at our last meeting.

Best wishes to all,

MU.

Beta District.

EPSILON.

WOOSTER, OHIO.

It is certainly pleasant at this mid-year reviewing time to be able to send an enthusiastic word as to the welfare of Kappa Alpha Theta here in Wooster. That the last letter was sent too late for publication has been kept prominently before the mind of the offender ever since, and now after two months of penance she is encouraged to believe that she may be once more admitted into the ranks of the honored.

So much of interest has occurred just lately that it is a temptation to devote time and space to these things alone, but as the fall term was a time of unusual gaiety it ought not to be passed by unmentioned. Our first assembly of friends was at a nutting party soon after school opened, when Indian summer is supposed to turn our thoughts towards woods and fields. We chartered a car, (although we took possession of the whole train) and the lowering sky and scattered rain-drops of early morning seemed to have no dampening effect on the hilarious company of young people. Even the conductor showed his sense of the fitness of things by changing his coat in order to wear our colors with proper dignity. We ate our dinner in a great barn, whose kind some of us had thought existed only in books, and that the contents of the baskets were fully appreciated was a source of satisfaction to those who had carefully tied down the covers with their blessings earlier in the day. During the ride home the hostesses were entertained by examples of every yell that ever waked the echoes of the Kilbuck, and even if the farmers mourn the loss of a few pumpkins they must forgive the miscreants who wanted souvenirs of an occasion which demanded something somewhat unusual as reminders.

Early in the following month Dr. and Mrs. Ryal issued invitations to the local chapters of Phi Gamma Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta, the fraternities of which they were members while in college, and in their home, which is always open to young people, we spent a most enjoyable evening. Miss Kate Johnson, one of our alumnae, asked us to hold a fraternity meeting in her home just before she left on a visit to friends, but it proved to be something more than the usual weekly gathering, an evening in a hospitable home with refreshments of the most approved order. Among other guests were the Thetas of former years who, no matter what their state is now, do not forget that Kappa Alpha Theta was their first love while in college.

On the last Saturday night of the term the Phi Delta Theta Chapter extended an informal offer of hospitality, but as it happened to be the evening of the month on which we plan to meet at the home of some resident member, we took the privilege of reversing matters and asked them to meet with us at the home of Belle and Margaret Platter. The unexpectedness of the occasion may have lent an added enjoyment, but at any rate the event proved pleasant to all.

During the term we initiated eight girls, several of whom were pledged last year. Those who have joined our ranks are, in '97, Virginia Wallace, Elizabeth Beer, Caroline Graham, Birdie Wallace; of '98's girls we have Florence Dunlap, Daisy Gray, Josephine Jones, Louise Morrison.

We have pledged three members, Elisabeth Brown, Belle Platter, Bessie Beebe. It is not possible to tell you how much this list of names means to us, but you would welcome them heartily were you here, of that we feel sure.

Almost before we realized it, Xmas vacation was upon us and then we found ourselves back once more, many of us with a supply of home provisions which meant as many informal lunches. Although there has been an unusual number of small gatherings which have almost become a fad, this term has also been marked by larger social functions, and during the excellent sleighing-time many rides added to the gaiety, although all did not result alike.

In January, Mrs. Laybolt and Mable entertained a large number of Wooster friends, and the Theta girls felt it to be an especial privilege to be counted as guests, en masse. On the fourteenth of February we gave our yearly party, to which the faculty and fathers and mothers, besides student friends, were bidden guests. Over two hundred invitations were issued and we were delighted to have with us for the occasion two of our girls from Columbus, Misses Tella Axline and Lois Dame. By ten o'clock Miss Blanche Curry's home, which is a delightful place in which to

entertain, was the scene of a very animated assembly, and until a much later hour the house was filled to the utmost. Out of respect to the patron saint of the day, in the dining room hearts reigned supreme, while Theta colors held the sceptre of decoration in every room.

While it is a satisfaction to know that the social side of college life has a high place, and while it seems natural to write first of these things to one another, there is a different side to a girl's college life whose importance is felt sincerely, and the girl who is in earnest in recitation and not at all at a loss when subjects other than trivialities are under discussion, is the one who receives honest homage, and she who knows what is being done in the world that lies outside of her own circle of life, and whose knowledge of vital questions is as accurate as her knowledge of the angle at which Dame Fashion decrees her hair is to be worn, is the one whose companionship is most desirable, whose influence is only for the best.

But the clock warns that there is only time for best wishes to Theta sisters all over the United States.

EPSILON.

ALPHA GAMMA.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, }
February 27, 1895. }

Dear Sisters :

Alpha Gamma feels that she ought to atone in some way for taking up so much space in the last JOURNAL, so she has decided to write a very short letter this time and leave extra room for the sister chapters in this number.

We almost have to stop and take our breath before we can realize that the winter term is nearly over, so rapidly has it

passed. But it has been a very happy, helpful term in our chapter life.

In spite of the many stormy Saturday afternoons, the meetings have been faithfully attended with great success.

On the fraternity anniversary we entertained some of our friends with a quilting party, and as a reward Alpha Gamma now possesses a fine, large, black quilt, ornamented with various names in yellow.

There has been a number of social events in college life this term, foremost among which was the hop given to the Seniors by the Junior class.

Pi Beta Phi received Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Gamma in a very cordial manner on Washington's birthday.

We are looking forward with interest to the next convention and to the time when Kappa Alpha Theta can boast herself possessor of a new song book.

Yours in the sisterhood,

ALPHA GAMMA.

ALPHA.

GREENCASTLE, IND., }
March 12, 1895. }

Dear Sisters:

Alpha sends heartiest greeting to Theta Chapters and seeks her wonted place in the Journal correspondence.

The Thetas who returned in the fall felt most keenly the loss of our '94 girls, but with characteristic energy they set to work to strengthen the chapter.

The fall "spike" ended in our securing eleven new girls, all of whom have contributed much to the chapter's strength and usefulness. Our meetings throughout the year have been most

profitable and inspiring. The most that we can say is that in each has been most thoroughly manifest the true Theta spirit. Theta spirit ! what a world of meaning lies therein ! To every sister it is a synonym for all that actuates to the noblest and best. It inspires, ennobles and consecrates anew each year the older members. Subtle and indefinable, it enters the soul of every new girl, fills her with strength, enthusiasm and a growing desire to develop to the highest every potentiality in her nature, to broaden and deepen her influence for good upon her college associates, in short to be all that a girl of to-day should be in purity, strength and nobility of character. She realizes more fully what possibilities her college life holds to the girl who would fill a woman's place in the world, and with the realization comes the sense of added responsibility. All the petty things which fill the lives of so many appear in their true light, and all that makes toward the highest self-realization stands forth in all its significance.

Thetas ! our fraternity life means so much to us. Its influence will remain potent long after we number our college days with the past. How dare we fail to make that influence which reacts each upon each in our association, other than the sweetest, purest, noblest, that the impetus gained thereby may carry us forward in the years to come.

There remain but a few weeks in this college year. Whatever may have been our power in the past months, let us make the remaining time we sisters have together pregnant with high purpose and noble aim, so that when we part for the vacation, each may carry with her in its greatest force the true Theta spirit.

Yours in Kappa Alpha Theta,

ALPHA.

NU.
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HANOVER, IND.

Dear Thetas :

We see and hear so little of each other that we count it a privilege to "talk" through the JOURNAL. Our desire is that our fraternity life might be a closer tie between the chapters and that we could know each other.

It was a pleasure to learn that the sister chapters were looking forward to a prosperous year. We can rejoice with you, not only in the sympathy that "rejoices with those that do rejoice," but because we too were never more hopeful and harmonious. A true Theta spirit makes our hall the brightest, most pleasant retreat ; and our meetings a source of benefit as well as entertainment.

Dora and Margaret McCoy, who spent last year in Chicago, have returned to swell our ranks. We find their enthusiasm has only been increased by their long absence and they come back more active and helpful than ever.

The latest event of interest and importance was the initiation of Jessie Young of '98. The affair was one of the most enjoyable we have ever had ; the zeal and spirit with which the mysteries were unveiled, the dignity and appreciation of the new sister, and last, but not least, the "spread."

College life is unusually interesting this year, and never did Hanover have a better opening in number and quality of students.

The unusually beautiful autumn made the Point, the hills covered with red and gold, and the grand old Ohio, running between, a picture which we wish every one of you could see. All enjoyed the Indian summer and the athletic park was a scene of constant life and gayety. The girls have added another tennis court to the field.

We are anticipating a pleasant vacation and are determined to make the coming term even better than this. To all, we extend wishes for a happiness and prosperity through '95.

NU.

TAU.

EVANSTON, March 7.

My Dear Theta Sisters :

Tau takes great pleasure in greeting you all again through the JOURNAL. Time passes so rapidly and we are all so busy that we hardly have a chance to become acquainted, yet the JOURNAL is becoming to us a great source of enjoyment ; for through it and the chapter reports we are learning more of our sisters in other chapters than we have ever known before. When we are Freshmen I am afraid we are rather inclined to believe that *we* are the sorority, but as* we grow older and more experienced we realize that we are only a part of a great whole.

We are just finishing a very busy term and think with joy, and perhaps relief, of the vacation which awaits us. Since the last issue of the JOURNAL, Kappa Alpha Theta has attained her twenty-fifth birthday. We decided not to celebrate it by holding our annual reception on that day, but instead held a banquet in our "fraternity" rooms. Of course only initiated members were present and we had a very jolly time. Two alumnæ members were with us and told us about the founding of the chapter, and of its early history, which is not so far away either. Then we had toasts and K. A. Θ. songs, and Dixy Bagshawe, who is only a Sophomore, composed a very rollicking song, mentioning individually every one present.

Of course we have had the usual number of spreads this term, one of the most enjoyable being a "hard-times supper," given by

one of our pledglings, Ella Moore. We have also given a very informal party this term.

We have just been enjoying a visit from Eva Hall '91, and at the supper which the Freshmen served at the last "frat-meeting" of the term we had Lina Kennedy '90, Eva Hall '91, Mae Gloss '92, and Henriette Jennings Oates '93, with us. Mae Gloss and Mrs. Oates now reside in Evanston, and are with us nearly every Monday evening. We are busy thinking on questions to be discussed at the convention and are trying to prepare ourselves for it. We shall send one delegate besides the one sent by the general sorority, and very probably many of the other girls will also attend.

I suppose many of you have heard of the great commotion which the discussion of "cribbing" has made in Evanston. The faculty has finally decided to try the plan of the "Honor System in Examinations," and "Students' Court" for the remainder of the current year; and although many are not in favor of it, the trial will be made, and we shall see.

The University has created a new and very popular department here, that of Sociology; as this study is fast becoming the leading one of the age, we are very glad to be thus enabled to keep abreast with the times.

Skating has been splendid in Evanston this season. The athletic grounds made a fine rink, the best in town, and, while the cold weather lasted, no spot in Evanston was as popular.

The second annual Pan-Hellenic promenade was held February the twenty-first at the Avenue house, and was "the event" of the season in the student world. The booths were all so pretty that one could hardly judge which was the prettiest.

The local chapter of Pi Beta Phi recently gave a very pleasant reception, to which members from all the other sororities and fraternities were invited.

We are all in a state of suspense, looking forward to the publication of the "Syllabus," and although the Seniors cannot conceive of a book finer than the "95 Syllabus," the Juniors are said to be preparing a book which will make all former productions of the kind shrink into nothingness in comparison.

With best wishes for a happy vacation and a successful term,

TAU.

PI.

ALBION, Mich.

Dear Theta Sisters :

The winter term has been one of pleasure and profit to us. The time has passed rapidly since we last heard from our Theta sisters through the JOURNAL, and we are now approaching the examination week. Our fraternity meetings have been especially enjoyable this term as a change has been made in the time and place of meeting during the winter season.

We gather on Saturday evening at the different girls' rooms and after business and literary program the remainder of the evening is spent in singing Theta songs and social chats. However, we will all be glad to meet again in our hall when the March winds have ceased blowing around the Central building and spring again greets us.

On the 7th of January, Blanche Selway and Evelyn Paton passed under Theta's portals to learn the mysteries therein, and by constant devotion to Theta work since their initiation we know they are happy to be with us as sisters. We had been looking eagerly forward since the beginning of the college year to the initiation, and of course now we believe that we have the very nicest girls in college.

We recently pinned the Theta colors on Lotta Page, who just entered school this term and has proved a very bright student.

We received a very useful valentine from two of our old girls, Mary Garfield and Bessie Perkins, in the shape of a beautiful curtain for the hall. We are glad to know that Theta is still enshrined in the memories of the sisters who have left us.

We were very much grieved when we learned that our sister, Maud Staley, must return to her home on account of illness. We had hoped to have her with us for a four years' course, but we fear that she will not be able to return again.

Maud Cooper will leave us at the close of this term and will take up her college work at Evanston in the spring. We will miss her here, but rest assured that she will still be in the fold at Evanston.

Our anniversary is at hand, and as customary on March 16, we will be entertained at the home of Mary Garfield. We anticipate one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year.

Pi wishes success to all Thetas and a happy spring time.

Loyally,

PI.

ETA.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Dear Thetas :

Are you all beginning to be afflicted with "that tired feeling" which comes to us with the spring? It does not seem to be very seasonable with us for we are still wading through snow-drifts. However, everyone appears to be afflicted with the premonitory symptoms and little is going on excepting an occasional "swap-party,"--the momentary rage in Ann Arbor. It is a very jolly way to entertain one's friends, provided that the said friends have

not taken part in too many similar festivities. Each guest takes along some ancient article of clothing or bric-a-brac for which he has no further use. These are auctioned off, the bidders offering what they have brought instead of money, and the owner of the article under the hammer decides which is the highest bid. With a good auctioneer and funny things to be auctioned, the bidding usually becomes very lively.

Eta has a new pledgling to introduce to the sisterhood, Grace McNoah by name; Harriette Waller, who was a pledge when we last wrote, is now the proud wearer of a Theta pin.

Among the good things of the near future are a play which is to be given soon by the Women's league of the University, and in which two of the Thetas take part, and the vesper services which promise to be veritable musical treats. They will be held twice a week in University hall, and the music will be furnished by the great Columbian organ, which was in Festival hall during the World's Fair, and by a trained chorus of one hundred voices.

In January, Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer spoke before the Women's league. We had planned to give her a large reception but unfortunately she could not remain over for it, so we had to be content with an evening with her at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Henry C. Adams, the latter a member of the original Eta. It was a meeting of the Graduate club, and Prof. Palmer read from his beautiful translation of the Odyssey.

We searched the January JOURNAL in vain for other suggestions as to a way of celebrating our silver wedding. We failed to find but one voice—that of Alpha Beta—raised in behalf of the plan we suggested last October. We find that we can have our ninety-five chapter picture re-photographed down to cabinet size at comparatively small expense and no extra trouble, excepting that of sitting for our regular picture a little earlier than usual. How many of the chapters would like to have such a souvenir of

Kappa Alpha Theta at the age of twenty-five?—it would include of course the picture of every active member of the fraternity. If such as will do their part in the scheme will write to Eta's corresponding secretary, we will gladly do the little "administrative work" which would be necessary. At least discuss the matter in your chapter meetings and write to us your decision. The JOURNALS are too far between to be the medium of any business.

Speaking of the January JOURNAL reminds us of the pleasure we took in the new departure of illustrated college articles. They form such an interesting feature of some of the fraternity publications that Eta has often wondered why Thetas, too, could not know more of the homes of sister chapters through the JOURNAL. The article on the University of Vermont was very interesting and came to a close only too soon.

Congratulations to the editors on the good work.

ETA.

UPSILON.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, }
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. }

Dear Thetas :

The rushing season, of which we all talked in our last chapter letters, has departed and left us in peace to enjoy its results ; our new girls are no longer new, but have taken their places in the fraternity life and in our hearts. Since our first initiation we have added one more to our Freshmen, making seven in all.

Our work this year has been very pleasant. We meet every week, business meetings alternating with literary and social meetings. Our social and literary meetings are entirely in the hands of committees, and we find this an excellent plan.

Two of the most pleasant recollections which our girls will carry with them of this year, are of January 27th and February 6th—one of which must be remembered by Thetas all over the land—January 27th. We celebrated this day, our silver anniversary, with a banquet at the home of one of our Seniors, and it was a time with subjects for toasts. The other date, February 6th, is the anniversary of the founding of our own Upsilon chapter, which we made memorable by a reception to our new alumnae chapter.

We, in connection with Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Tri Delt, have been trying hard this year to have a general pledging day established, but so far have been unable to get it, as the one other sorority, Alpha Phi, still holds out against it; she also is not a member of our league against preparatory pledging, being the only sorority here which is not a member. We still hope to convince her that this and pledge day is best for all.

The University life is very gay this winter. We have added to its gaiety by a dancing party in the fall term and the presence of some of our girls at most of the other fraternity parties. Our plans are maturing for our annual large party in the near future, as the third term is upon us and we will be separated all too soon. We think, indeed, *too soon*, at the thought of our five Seniors going out, whose places, it almost seems we can never fill.

We had a most pleasant visit from Miss Margaret Stiles of Psi, some weeks ago. There is nothing we all enjoy more than visits from other chapters, when we hear of others' plans for work, of their girls, and get many helpful little suggestions that are a change for us.

Before closing we want to tell you of our beautiful new Library and Chapel building, which was opened with a brilliant reception February 22. It fills a long felt want, and our appreciation knows no bounds, both for its usefulness and its beauty, for it is the most beautiful building in the State of Minnesota.

With most loving wishes for a happy term and joyous commencement,

UPSILON.

KAPPA.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, }
LAWRENCE, KANSAS. }

Dear Theta Sisters:

Another college year almost gone, or at least when these bright spring days come we begin to feel that the year is nearly over. Commencement removes so many from our ranks that it will bring regret as well as joy. Kappa is very proud of her five Seniors, all of whom have reflected credit on our fraternity throughout their course. One of them, Edith Clarke, has received especial honor in being one of eight chosen as members of Phi Beta Kappa fraternity.

We are glad this spring term to have Anna Wilder with us once more. She obtained her degree at Nebraska State University last term and will receive one from K. U. in June.

We adopted a plan for our meetings this winter which has been very successful. The chapter was divided into committees of three, which provide entertainment of any nature they desire for two meetings in the month, the other two being given to a study of our constitution. One of these afternoons we shall remember with especial pleasure. Mrs. Wagstaff, sister of one of our girls, invited us to hold our meeting at her charming little home. After our program, an informal musicale, that afternoon, Mrs. Wagstaff served a dainty little lunch. On departing we all wished as we had so often done before, that our hostess were a Theta in name, as well as in spirit.

One other little good time we must not forget to tell you about. During the sleighing season, which was unusually fine for

Kansas, we had a Theta sleighing party. It is needless to describe to you what fun twenty-two typical Theta girls, piled into one great sleigh, had.

As this will be the last time before vacation that we shall have the opportunity to greet you through the JOURNAL, Kappa sends warmest wishes to you all for a pleasant vacation.

KAPPA.

Gamma District.

PHI.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., }
February 7, 1895. }

Dear Thetas :

Well, it did stop raining ! Some people thought it never would. There's a man around here who thinks its going to begin again by Sunday. Wonder why some people always have a date fixed for the next storm ? You see, there have been special reasons why Phi didn't want rain. A day was coming when she wouldn't like to put a gossamer over her big sleeves. And she must surely wear her very biggest, because there was to be an anniversary breakfast, and Phi had a premonition that her best would do well if it harmonized with the bounty and hospitality Omega would pour out upon her guests. I suppose we ought to leave the story of that day to our hostess. But, you see, we want to put in just a word—she will be too modest—to tell you about it. I don't remember how many rooms there were opening together, and set with the little round tables. But I do remember the merry clatter of the dishes, the glad voices, the laughter, and the way the California sunlight—every beam fairly jubilant—poured itself lavishly in through the big windows. Wish I had

power to tell how proud Phi was of Omega, and how she came home, drew in a long breath, and said : "Tell you what ! There's nothing quite equal to being a Theta !"

The next day came the wedding, Carrie Bean's, (you know her, she was at the convention). The older men stood around in little groups on the porch, after the ceremony, and said, as they always do, "He's going to take her a long ways off. I'd hate to have my girl go." Then they smiled a little—a far-away smile—and each started, to see that the others had the same look on their faces. And they added, half apologetically, "But it's the way of the world ; Carrie was a good girl." Phi, standing by, burst out with an enthusiasm which had in it the memory of the light in this bride's eyes, instead of the far-away-ness of other marriage days. "Carrie is a dear, and if it weren't Mr. Burwell, Phi would never let her go."

Here at home there are pleasant things too. Mrs. Comstock of Cornell is with us now. Those who don't know her personally won't be able to realize what that means to us. Then our new girls are treasures—so loyal and enthusiastic—that those who leave us this year go full of hope for the times to come, and we who stay have our regret at losing them blunted by these same bright hopes. I have a friend who is never at a loss to express her joy; does it always in the same way—firm hands, shining eyes, and the words : "Ah, but this is a great world !"

Will you take Phi's good-bye so, this time? It means love, you know,

PHI.

OMICRON.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., }
February, 1895. }

Dear Theta Sisters :

Although we in the south-west have been silent for so long a time we trust that our existence is not forgotten. I really don't

know exactly how it came about. The corresponding-editor was the "baby" of the chapter and was possessed with the idea that one of the older members would prepare the letter for the January number of the JOURNAL, but no one else did ; so there was none. I've said "I'se horry," after the fashion of small children, and the gracious elder sisters forgave me, and I promised not to be naughty any more.

Many things are so far past that I will not try to tell you of all our doings since the opening of this school year.

Omicron has initiated two new members this year : Mrs. Ada Strong Ross, a Sophomore, and Anna O. Henderson, a member of the Junior class. The two initiates were brought out at a banquet at which we were happy to have present our Grand Treasurer, Florence Sawyer, and Mrs. J. H. Spear of Lambda, besides our own alumnae and other Thetas resident in the city.

School life has been very full this year, and although we have spent many pleasant hours together and have at times entertained our friends, we have not endeavored to make an impress upon the social life in the University this term.

Inter-collegiate Field Day has come and gone in Southern California. Our college is only just coming to the front in athletics, and if our boys did not win the cup they got as many "firsts" as did the team that bore the cup away in triumph, and we are proud to have five medals fairly won by U. S. C. men.

We were given a fair quota of officers in Athena Literary Society at the last election. The vice-president, the censor and the marshal all wear Theta pins.

In the rush of life it has been hard to have as much time for our chapter meetings as we would desire. After many experiments we have come at last to think that the best arrangement for us is to have weekly business meetings at noon, with the first Monday evening of each month given over to meetings that delight the hearts of Thetas. After the regular session we plan for

chatty discussions of magazine articles that have attracted our attention, or of any literary subject or question of interest that may be presented. If any of our girls have productions for college classes they are read and criticized. Then there is the bit of friendly gossip, the little chats by which we learn to know each other better, some music,—and our evening is gone before we know it.

Our hearts long after a home. We want a corner of the earth (with a house on it, of course) that we can call our own. We are agitating the question. We won't say much for we may be indulging in dreams that will never see the light of day.

We were happy to have with us last week Miss Lora Hunt, of Tau Chapter.

If Theta will only come to Los Angeles for her next convention we will multiply our happiness over one Theta visitor by the number of delegates and be royally good to you all, as much as in us lies.

Yours in loyalty to Theta,

OMICRON.

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OMEGA.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, }
BERKELEY, CAL. }

Dear Thetas :

This month Omega has a very pleasant event to tell you about. In celebration of the silver wedding of Kappa Alpha Theta, we asked all the members of the sorority whom we knew to be within reaching distance to breakfast with us at half past eleven at the home of two of our active members, Mary and Ethel Olney, in Oakland. The day turned out to be beautiful, so no one could stay at home on the weather's account. Many alumnae came, a number of Phi's members, and, including ourselves, we numbered in all about fifty-six. Of course the first thing to do

was to have breakfast. This was served at small tables holding from two to ten people, each one finding her name at her place, written on a card tied with yellow ribbon to a pretty little vase. The tables were strewn with violets, which, with oranges and yellow ribbon, represented our college colors very well—blue and gold.

It is unnecessary to say that Freshmen and Sophomores, dressing themselves in light array, were the waiters. (Omega always makes a point of teaching her Freshmen to wait on the first opportunity.) After breakfast Winifred Webb of Phi read an enjoyable poem she had written, and which she has kindly allowed us to send with our letter.

As an awed mother lays her face against
The hand, whose fingers once in helpless trust
Clung to her breast, feels the man's might, and lifts
Her soul in thanks too pure for any ear
Save His attuned to hear the love whose jarring tones
He set love's miracle to right;
So we, now leaning on the mighty heart,
That lay in helpless babyhood upon
The breast of girl-love, years ago to-day,
Lift up our souls in thankfulness. 'Tis not
Alone for hours of low-voiced lullabys;
And dear weight in the arms, until we look
Upon our lives with eyes earth-cleared, we may
Not know what these have meant to souls, nor yet
What power the years of willing sacrifice
To sturdy childhood's sovereign wants, have held
O'er spirits growth.
When these, our little lives, have passed
Into the love, we strain our souls to catch
In gleams, we know can be but human-weak,
There will be left this truest us, to woo
The truth of those, whose hearts are given to make
Their little throb, more near the universal love
—The Christ in man, whose goal we weakly feel
And grope for, now.

Then followed a very interesting speech from Mrs. Comstock of Iota, who is paying California a visit. She talked to us about the advantages and disadvantages of sorority life. The two chief

dangers besetting a chapter she pointed out to be—evils in rushing, and a seclusive, snobbish spirit towards outsiders. Considering a warm-hearted, widely-sympathetic girl, who made a great many friends and was influential, the speaker thought (if I remember rightly) that such a girl's range of power for good would be lessened by joining a sorority. Not lessened by any change in herself, but by decreasing her influence upon outsiders on account of their attitude or feeling towards her. The advantages named were many. Two of the leading ones are the overcoming of selfishness, and the development of the social side of the nature, learning to meet and associate pleasantly with mankind, to extend a true friendship. Besides, there is the important knowledge and experience gained by intimate acquaintance with a number of characters, and, for those who make the chapter house their home, learning to live peaceably and happily, day in and day out, for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with those who are in no way related to us.

Mrs. Kummer, the wife of the minister of the First Methodist church of Oakland, next spoke to us about our founder, Mrs. Betty Lock Hamilton, whom her mother at Greencastle knows well. Mrs. Kummer told us something about the founding of the sorority. There was a strong feeling in those days that it was impossible for women to keep abreast with men in college work, and at first the position of the girl pioneers in colleges was not pleasant or easy. Mrs. Betty Lock Hamilton did not see why an association for girls should not be as good for them as the fraternity for men, and she hoped that through a sorority the girls would gain sympathy, courage and strength. Naturally, high scholarship held a very important place in their sisterhood. The rest of the afternoon was spent in conversation, and we felt the hours were only too short and that we had not seen half enough of our guests, when the time came for them to leave. Phi and we are only just becoming acquainted with one another. We live so near, com-

paratively, that we ought to know each other well. Meeting some of her number now and then has been very pleasant to us, and we hope this will be the beginning of a warm friendship.

At one of our recent chapter meetings we resolved that in our next JOURNAL letter we would give hearty support to the feelings of Eta, expressed in the January number, with regard to the article in the Kappa Alpha Exchange, and to raising the standard of our JOURNAL letters. Is not one of the objects, if not *the* aim of the JOURNAL, to form a bond of sympathy among the chapters and a means of inspiration? Should we not accomplish this aim better and be more in touch with one another, if we knew each others thoughts and feelings about things concerning our own organization, about questions of the day and a great many subjects of interest? One chapter may mention, for instance, that it devotes some of its meetings to literary work, or to studying the constitution. Would not the rest of the chapters feel much more interested in this chapter if it told them *what* literary work it is doing, what topics discussing, and what it is attaining by its work? And with regard to the constitution, was it found thoroughly praiseworthy, or is it lacking in various ways, or are there parts or methods of our organization which upon reflection we would change?

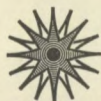
At our last business meeting the question arose—whether every two years is not oftener than necessary for the convention to meet? To have it less often, would gladden us all by decreasing the expense. In bringing us more seldom in personal contact with one another, would it lessen the unity of the society? Might it not cause us to express ourselves, and draw nearer together through the JOURNAL, and more thoroughly appreciate convention when it does come? At our meeting some of the girls considered it would not be well to have it less often than once every three years, otherwise there would be at regular intervals a class or classes which would not have a convention during their whole college course. For instance, if convention were held once in four years, the next,

after this coming one, would take place during the Senior year of the class of 1900, in which case no convention would occur during the college course of the class of 1899.

Hoping that this has not been too wearisomely long,

Fraternally,

OMEGA.



PERSONALS.

LAMBDA.

Mary Brigham, '93, spent Saturday evening, March 2, with us.

Bessie Wright, '94, who has been teaching in Jeffersonville, is spending her vacation in the city.

May Boynton, '94, is teaching in the Burlington High School.

Miss Brownell, a member of Alpha Rho, on which Lambda is founded, occasionally visits us.

Anna Clark, '96, is teaching in the State Normal School in New Britain, Conn.

Winnifred Parmenter, '96, is at present living in Waterbury, Vermont.

Katrina Landt, '94, has returned to Waterbury from Boston, where she has been for some time past.

Lillian Scott, '94, and May Goodrich, '94, are teaching.

Marian Rustedt, '98, won the Latin entrance prize of \$25.

ALPHA BETA.

Elizabeth Booth Miller, '95, has received an honor from the faculty for Commencement day.

Lucy Brooks Price, '96, represents Theta this year on the Junior annual, the Halcyon.

Ellen Atkinson, '92, and Jane Atkinson, '93, made Alpha Beta a short visit in January.

Elizabeth Booth Miller is an associate editor of the college paper, the Phoenix.

ALPHA.

Edith Morris, '97, has been elected delegate to the National Convention at Syracuse.

Mary Town, '97, has re-entered college.

Mary Ritter has just been initiated into the mysteries of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Atta Henry of Beta spent Washington's Birthday with us.

Daisy Simms, '95, was chosen as class orator to present a flag to the University on Washington's Birthday.

Marie Gwynne, '97, has just made us a visit of several days.

Edith Morris has been elected Associate Editor-in-chief of the *Mirage*, the Junior annual.

Catherine Coffin, our one post-graduate member, is bringing us honor by her excellent studentship and giving us inspiration in the chapter life.

Our new girls are enthusiastically studying the constitution.

Grace Smith, Florence Young, and Marie Polk, of '94, are working for A. M.

Mintie Allen of '94 meets with us frequently.

Clelia Newcomer and Nell Darnall of '93 expect to be with us soon for a short visit.

Alta Dole, Florence Young, Emma Rochl and Mattie Harvey of '94 are teaching.

We received from Miss Wallace upon her resignation from the presidency of Beta District a most sisterly and cheering letter. We wish to offer our thanks for her enthusiastic work for Beta District.

TAU.

Anna Adams, ex-'90, is attending lectures at the University of Leipsic.

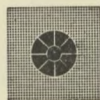
Eva Hall, '90, has been paying the chapter quite a visit.

Miss Whitcomb, of Omicron, called upon us Friday, Feb. 22.

Clara Stephenson, ex-'96, paid us a short visit last week.

Charline Taylor, ex-'95, married James Williams of Cambridge, Ohio, last fall.

Lina Kennedy Preston, '90, visited us in March.



EXCHANGES.

The University of Chicago has adopted scarlet as the college color.

The Harvard Art Collection is already too large for the Fogg Art Museum.

The Orrington Library Building, of the Northwestern University, built at an expense of \$100,000, was opened in September.

The new school of English Literature, established last year at the University of Virginia, continues to be the most popular course in the academic department.

The new arrangement for a three years' course at Yale Law School will not go into effect until the fall of 1896, and students entering before that time will be graduated under the present conditions, after two years' study, as heretofore.—*New York Tribune*.

The Faculty of Pennsylvania State College have established the following rigid rule: "Within twenty-four hours before leaving college to engage in any game, each man shall obtain a certificate from each teacher under whom he has work that he has a standing above sixty-five per cent for such subject for the term, and has no condition in any subject."

Michigan University has an association of Japanese students, with a membership of thirteen.

The sorority Delta Delta Delta has entered the University of Michigan.

The curriculum at Brown University has just been increased by the addition of a new course in architectural work, in connection with the department of fine arts.

Many persons forget that, after all, the unit of every fraternity is the *man*, and not the chapter. Fraternity men are born, not made. They must be discovered, not manufactured.—*A. T. Ω. Palm.*

RESPECT THE NEUTRAL.

“Do not snub the neutrals! There is a deal of human nature in boys, and he who is a novice in social life, and has only recently come out from the ranks of the unadorned, is apt to make his badge over-conspicuous, and sprinkle the words ‘our fraternity’ and ‘our chapter’ throughout his conversation, with a view to impressing the uninitiated.”—*Beta Theta Pi.*

The faculty at Cornell are considering the advisability of lengthening the college year at that institution.—*Ram's Horn, Chicago.*

Williams College will soon graduate a native African who will return to his own land to become a king. He will probably intro-

duce base-ball and rowing among his benighted people.—*Ram's Horn, Chicago.*

A statistical writer has it that in this country 2,590 women are practicing medicine, 275 preaching the gospel, more than 5,000 managing post-offices, and over 3,000,000 earning independent incomes. Since 1880 the patent office has granted over 2,500 patents to women, and in New York city 27,000 women support their husbands.—*The Arrow.*

College libraries in America are increasing their lists. The Johns Hopkins Library now has 60,000 volumes ; that of Amherst, 61,000 ; Brown, 73,000 ; University of Michigan, 80,000 ; Lehigh, 90,000 ; Princeton, 91,000 ; University of Pennsylvania, 100,000 ; Cornell, 150,000 ; Columbia, 155,000 ; Yale, 180,000 ; University of Chicago, 250,000, and Harvard, 430,000.—*The Campus.*

There are at Cornell University twenty regular four year men's fraternities, four women's fraternities, three professional fraternities, two honorary fraternities, four class societies, thirteen social and convivial organizations among the men and four among the women, nine organizations for the pursuit of some particular field of knowledge, nine religious and philosophical associations, three general athletic organizations, four musical and dramatic organizations and three debating societies, making a total of seventy-eight.—*Cornell letter to the Beta Theta Pi.*

Phi Gamma Delta enjoys the unique distinction of being probably the only fraternity maintaining three chapters in a single city. All are said to be prosperous, and are located in the Metropolis, at Columbia, New York University and College of City of New York.

The nearest approach to this is S. A. E.'s trio in and about the classic shades of the Hub, at Boston University, Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

As the daily chapel exercises had to be discontinued at the University of Michigan, on account of change in recitation hours, it has been decided to have vesper service at four o'clock twice a week, for the whole University. The great World's Fair organ will be used at these services, which will certainly be more dignified than the ancient custom of early prayers to which students in some colleges were wont to rush, breakfastless and half dressed.

There is a new fad in town. It is to be found in the private stationery of certain college graduates. Instead of placing his family crest at the top of the page, the graduate has engraved a cut of his secret-society pin. This fashion is the outgrowth of the increase in this city of clubs like the Delta Psi, Delta Phi, Psi U., D. K. E., Alpha Delta Phi, etc., having their origin in college secret societies.—*New York World*.

The University *Magazine* is authority for the statement that the faculty of Michigan University made a rule that any man caught slugging at a recent great game of foot ball should be expelled from the University.

The students and faculty of Rutgers College have agreed upon a scheme of self-government, by which a committee is chosen from the faculty and students to investigate all breaches of discipline and to recommend action to the faculty.

The extension question will not down, so long as colleges are developing in age and attractions and great universities are being established. Banquo's ghost, the Wandering Jew, and the Phoenix are not to be compared with it.—*The Rainbow*.

An association of women in Detroit, who for some time have been urging the creation of a female professorship in the University of Michigan, have been told that \$30,000 would endow such a chair. Mrs. T. W. Palmer, wife of ex-Senator Palmer of Michigan, has subscribed \$10,000 conditional upon the whole amount being raised and several other women have raised the fund to \$14,000. The Board of Regents passed a resolution at its last meeting that sex should be no bar to the candidacy for professorship in the university.

The organ which stood in the Liberal Arts Building at Chicago out of loyalty to the state was offered by the manufacturers to the University Musical Society for \$15,000. The alumni and friends of the university have already subscribed \$7,000 towards paying for it and the society expects to raise the remaining \$8,000 before its dedication.—*Ann Arbor Correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune*.

The Student Committee on Discipline, which was tried as an experiment last year, proved so satisfactory to the faculty that they offered at the close of the year to continue the existence of the committee and to enlarge its functions, so as to invest the committee with original jurisdiction in all cases of university discipline. The committee voted to accept the faculty's offer, and in view of its altered duties decided to change its name to the Student Self-Government Council. Cornell students have thus gained at a bound what the students of many other colleges have been

trying for years to secure, a system of college government which makes the joint action of the faculty and a representative body of students necessary to the infliction of college discipline upon any student.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Acting upon that oft repeated suggestion that the Kappas should do something outside of chapter work, Upsilon has recently sent help to the poorer districts of Chicago. Our Grand President, Katharine Sharp, has become interested in placing home libraries in parts of the city where the city library is unknown. First, let me tell you what a home library is. Twenty story books, ten children and a visitor are the requirements. We all searched among our nursery treasures in order to find the books that we had wearied of or outgrown, and sent them to gladden the hearts of the little ones. A neat bookcase was found, filled and placed in a home on the north side where the mother was willing to become responsible for its care and where a child of twelve or fourteen years old could act as librarian. Next, ten children in the neighborhood were invited to join a "library club," and you may be sure that no invitation was refused.

The children feel themselves highly honored by an invitation or attention of any sort and so thoroughly enjoy the privilege of drawing a book every week, and of meeting with the club on Saturday afternoon, that the task of visiting them and entertaining them or being entertained by them with the wonderful fairy stories that they have read ceases to be a task and becomes a pleasure. When one library has grown familiar to the children, it is sent to a different part of the city and a new one takes its place. When the children grow eager for more books, as the members of the library clubs always do, their visitor tells them of the city library and their privileges in it. We can then feel that our aim has

been accomplished in teaching them something of the world of books to which we have introduced them.

From an article on Women's Colleges in America in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, comes the following paragraph :

"On one or two occasions when I have ventured to express astonishment at the liberty which reigns in the colleges, men without exception have always replied dryly that at the age which these girls have reached, sixteen or seventeen years, they ought to know how to conduct themselves. The surveillance, the restrictions that convents and boarding schools of the Old World judge necessary would be considered in the colleges of the New World a gratuitous insult. The irreproachable attitude which distinguishes the American girl at college is preserved in all the details of her life. To doubt that would be to doubt the benefits of the educational system which rules in America and which is founded on self-respect. In no country is there greater *esprit de corps* among women ; in no country are individual friendships more noble or devoted. I have had many proofs of it and a similar solidarity is greatly to be desired among French women in all ranks of society."

Delta Delta Delta established another chapter, Iota, at the University of Michigan, November 1.—*The Trident*.

Of the 250 successful candidates for the degree of B. A. from the London University, eighty-one were women.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

The first formally organized undergraduate society for women in the University of Chicago announced its advent under the name of "The Mortar Board."—*Cornell Sun*.

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